

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday March 7th 2004

Tory Island

Daniel EJ9FHB is out on Tory Island B84, Donegal at the moment and will be there until Tuesday and he hopes to put the Island and Lighthouse on the air in the next couple of days.

Enniskillen Rally

Lough Erne Amateur Radio Club hosts the 23rd Enniskillen Amateur Radio Show in the Killyhevlin Hotel, Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh on Sunday the 25th of April 2004. Doors open at 12.00 noon.

Car parking facilities and food will be available. Admission is £3.00, which includes free ticket for Raffle with valuable prizes. Bring & Buy with no fee. Amateur Radio, Electronics, Computers, traders big and small, equipment, accessories, components, new surplus and second-hand. Traditional large attendance expected from all over Ireland, north and south.

Parkes 64m Radio Telescope Listens for AO-40

A 4 MHz wide spectrum with centre frequency of 1097 MHz was scanned with high level technique at the famous Parkes observatory in an attempt to find the LO frequency of the AMSATs AO-40 L1 receiver.

No signal was received, however this does not necessarily mean that AO-40 is completely in-operational as it is not known how good the receiver's LO is shielded or how much of the signal would. More research is planned.

For more information, visit the AMSAT-DL AO-40 Website at www.amsat-dl.org/journal/adlj-p3d.htm

Contest News

The RSGB Commonwealth Contest will take place from 10.00 UTC on March the 13th until 10.00 UTC on March the 14th. The CQWW WPX SSB Contest is planned

to take place over the weekend of the 27th and 28th of March next and the 10-10 International Mobile Contest will take place between 00.01 UTC and 23.59 UTC March the 20th next.

DX News

9U5M is active from Burundi until the 17th of March next. He operates typically after 16.00 UTC, on 10 to 40 metres CW and SSB.

V51/DJ4SO is active from Namibia until the 15th of March. He plans to operate on 160 to 6 metres. The following modes will be in use; CW, RTTY and PSK31. There may also be some SSB operation.

International Lighthouse/Lightship Weekend 2004

This highly popular annual August event attracts hundreds of amateur radio stations at lighthouses and lightships, there were 369 entrants in 48 countries in 2003. The event is organised by Mike, GM4SUC and Kevin, VK2CE is the web-master. This year the period of the event is from 0001 UTC on Saturday the 21st of August until 2359 UTC on Sunday the 22nd of August 2004.

The event is NOT a contest. It is a special event weekend when each group decides how it will operate with regard to modes and bands. Participants are not committed to being on the air during the entire period. There are no restrictions on antennas or power.

To assist other stations in the identification of lighthouse/lightship Stations it is suggested that participating stations using CW add LS after their callsign at a lightship and LT at a lighthouse. SSB and other modes should use LIGHT, LGT, LIGHTHOUSE or LIGHTSHIP after their call.

If you would like to participate, please register on-line at illw.net/index.html with details of your name, callsign to be used, lighthouse/lightship, Country, QSL route etc. Although registration is not compulsory, doing so enables the organisers to maintain a detailed list of participants at illw.net/2004.htm showing QSL address, web site and any special event calls they may be using.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded Mark Wall EI7IS. He can be contacted on 087-6302026 or e-mail cyberis@vodafone.ie. News can also be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio

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